IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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Title:

METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING

BROMIC ACID BY

PHOTOCATALYST AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents **Box PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Divisional Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 2 and 20 -26.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3 – 19 are now pending in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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